

**CORPORATE SERVICES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS) SUB – 17 April 2012**

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**Motherwell, 17 April 2012 at 9 am.**

A Meeting of the **CORPORATE SERVICES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor McAuley, Convener; Councillor W. Hogg, Vice-Convener; Councillors Carrigan, Chadha, Stewart and Stocks.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McAuley (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Head of Central Services and Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Representing the Notifier: Mr. McAfee and Mr. Keenan.

Representing the Chief Constable: Chief Inspector McKenzie.

Representing the Head of Roads and Transportation: Frank Haggarty.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Devine, Goldie, Irvine and Nolan.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

1. No declarations were made.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION IN COATBRIDGE ON SATURDAY, 21 APRIL 2012 BY CELTIC COMMEMORATION COMMITTEE**

2. There was submitted (1) notification dated 5 March 2012 of a proposal by Celtic Commemoration Committee to process in Coatbridge on Saturday, 21 April 2012; (2) representations from Councillor James Brooks expressing concerns in respect of the proposed procession; (3) submissions on behalf of the Head of Roads and Transportation; and (4) a report dated 8 March 2012 from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police submitting representations in respect of the proposal.

The Sub-Committee (1) having noted that Councillor Brooks was not present, noted the contents of his written representation in respect of the proposal; (2) heard Frank Haggarty in relation to the proposal; (3) heard Chief Inspector McKenzie outline the Chief Constable's representations in respect of the proposal, and (4) heard Mr. Keenan speak in support of the notification.

Thereafter Mr. McAfee, Mr. Keenan, Frank Haggarty and Chief Inspector McKenzie withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee gave consideration to the notification.

Mr. McAfee, Mr. Kennan, Frank Haggarty and Chief Inspector McKenzie were then re-admitted to the meeting.

**Decided:** that, after discussion and careful consideration of all representations made, the Sub-Committee, having regard to the extent of disruption to the life of the community commensurate with the right to process, agreed that an Order be made in terms of Section 63 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, imposing conditions on the holding of the proposed public procession by Celtic Commemoration Committee in Coatbridge on 21 April 2012 as follows:-

That the parade assemble at Dunbeth Park, thereafter proceeding along Kildonan Street, Dunbeth Road, Main Street, Coatbank Street, Whifflet Street (A725), Hagmill Road, for dispersal and that the parade route be altered accordingly.

**Motherwell, 1 June 2012 at 2 pm.**

A Meeting of the **CORPORATE SERVICES (PUBLIC PROCESSIONS) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor McAuley, Convener; Councillor W. Hogg, Vice-Convener; Councillors Beveridge, Chadha, Goldie, Higgins, Irvine and Stocks.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McAuley (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Head of Central Services and Administrative Officer (Committee and Civic Governance Services).

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Representing the Notifier: Mr. Andrew Muir and Mr. Allan Muir.

Representing the Chief Constable: Chief Inspector McKenzie, Sergeant Robertson and Constable O'Neill.  
Councillor McNally, Local Member.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Grant, McLaren, Muir and Nolan.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

1. No declarations were made.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC PROCESSION IN BELLSHILL ON SATURDAY, 9 JUNE 2012 BY BELLSHILL PROTESTANT BOYS FLUTE BAND**

2. There was submitted (1) notification dated 5 March 2012 of a proposal by Bellshill Protestant Boys Flute Band to process in Bellshill on Saturday, 9 June 2012, and (2) a report dated 8 March 2012 from the Chief Constable, Strathclyde Police submitting representations in respect of the proposal.

The Sub-Committee then heard (1) Chief Inspector McKenzie outline the Chief Constable's representations in respect of the proposal; (2) Constable O'Neill and Sergeant Robertson in relation to the conduct of band members at a previous event held on 10 December 2011, and (3) Messrs. Muir in support of the proposal in the notification.

Constable O'Neill and Sergeant Robertson were questioned in relation to evidence given.

Thereafter, Messrs. Muir, Chief Inspector McKenzie, Sergeant Robertson, Constable O'Neill and Councillor McNally withdrew from the meeting and the Sub-Committee gave consideration to the notification.

Messrs. Muir, Chief Inspector McKenzie, Sergeant Robertson, Constable O'Neill and Councillor McNally were then re-admitted to the meeting.

The Sub-Committee on resuming consideration of the matter noted (1) the organiser's offer to alter the parade route to help reduce the level of disruption of the life of the community, and (2) the alternative parade route as follows:-

Assembling at Pollock Street, thereafter processing along Main Street, Hamilton Road, Neilson Street, Motherwell Road, John Street, Thorn Road, Main Street, to Pollock Street where the procession will disperse.

**Decided:** that, after discussion and careful consideration of all representations made, the Sub-Committee, having regard to the submissions made and evidence led on behalf of the Chief Constable regarding the conduct in a procession held in the area of the authority on 10 December 2011 of persons likely to take part in the procession, the information provided regarding other events in the area at the same time and having considered the likely effect of the holding of the procession in relation to disruption of the life of the community commensurate with the right to process, agreed that an Order by made in terms of Section 63 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, imposing conditions on the holding of the proposed public procession by Bellshill Protestant Boys Flute Band in Bellshill on 9 June 2012 as undernoted:-

- (1) that the assembly time of the procession be brought forward to 4.45 pm and that the procession commence at 5.00 pm prompt;
- (2) that the parade assemble at Pollock Street, thereafter proceeding along Main Street, Hamilton Road, Neilson Street, Motherwell Road, John Street, Thorn Road, Main Street, to Pollock Street for dispersal and that the parade route be altered accordingly;
- (3) that there requires to be a minimum of 10 stewards or marshalls and the organiser shall ensure that all stewards and marshalls
  - are briefed by the organisers and given guidance and instructions on their role prior to the procession including written directions/instructions in respect of legislation;
  - carry proof of their status;
  - co-operate with the Police as required;
  - are highly visible and easily identifiable by means of high visibility wear which cannot be confused with Police attire;
  - conduct themselves in a proper manner, and
  - ensure that participants comply with directions regarding their own public safety and that of all other members of the public, and
- (4) that any person seeking to participate in the procession who is identified as having consumed alcohol, shall immediately be excluded from the procession by the organisers.